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Problem

To provide terms of reference for an Information Materials Working Group of the National Psychological Strategy Board.

Facts Bearing Upon the Problem

1. There are four agencies of the Government charged with responsibilities in the field of foreign information: The Department of State, the Department of Defense, the Economic Cooperation Administration and the Central Intelligence Agency.

2. An Interdepartmental Working Group on Newsprint is making a study of the extent of the current world newsprint shortage. This Working Group, composed of representatives of the Department of State, Economic Cooperation Administration, NPA, NSRB, Department of Agriculture, Department of Commerce and the Tariff Commission, has as its terms of reference (1) to assess the world demand and supply relation in newsprint; (2) to determine if and to what extent a shortage of newsprint is limiting the dissemination of information in non-Communist countries; (3) to suggest measures which might be taken to develop new sources of supply of newsprint and make it available to papers in non-Communist countries; (4) to develop a plan for supplying newsprint to newspapers in non-Communist countries in the event of total mobilization.

3. The International Materials Conference, consisting of the United States, France and the United Kingdom, has agreed to invite producer and consumer countries to establish an International Allocations Committee for Pulp and Paper.

4. NPA has certain responsibilities in the allocation of scarce materials; however, there is as yet no organization to coordinate the present and future needs for these materials of government agencies active in the field of foreign information.

Recommended Terms of Reference of NPSB Working Group

1. The NPSB Working Group composed of representatives of the four interested agencies plus NPA will be organized immediately.

2. It will utilize the findings and studies of existing working groups and agencies, such as the Interdepartmental Working Group on Newsprint, and may request that other studies be made for the purpose of achieving its objectives.

3. It will determine the materials now in, or likely to be in, scarce supply, necessary to the conduct of information activities and psychological warfare.

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4. It will determine the needs and availability of supplies of materials necessary:
 - (a) In the current emergency.
 - (b) Under total mobilization.
5. It will determine the means and priorities by which the four agencies obtain their supplies of necessary scarce materials.
6. It will determine the channels through which its recommendations can be implemented.